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Last Monday, in the presence of Minister of Transport Otmar Oduber, Parliamentarians, former director Franky Kuiperi, Supervisory Board and employees, Pastor Jairo Maduro officially 'baptized' a fleet of brand new busses and auto-buses for Aruba's Public Transport system - ARUBUS!

What is remarkable about the acquisition of these busses is that it took the government almost 2 years of continuous deliberations and hard work attacking a multitude of problems within the Arubus company before arriving at this milestone. One major accomplishment in the entire package is that in the final analysis they were able to safeguard the jobs of all employees....no employee lost their job! Nor was it necessary to reduce or adjust the public transportation tariffs!

The Minister was demonstratively pleased and grateful for the confidence and patience demonstrated by the large number of employees. He expressed pleasure in presenting to the Aruban community a new Arubus N.V. financially solid and ready for successful operation into the future. Arubus is now well able to stand on its own and guarantee the jobs of its employees.

For the first time in history, Arubus will operate with a fleet of 60 busses and auto-buses. And will serve areas previously neglected by public transportation. Areas like Bushiri, Seroe Patrishi and Jaburibari will now have regular bus transportation. All the new busses are very modern and completely air conditioned. The new busses are equipped with an innovative system, the 'Smartcard'. In the past, bus user would purchase bus tickets, but now they will use the modern system of the 'Smartcard' which is similar to a credit card. This card will be rechargeable for as much as the user desires and at different locations across the island.



With this system Arubus will be able to control where there are more passengers, in which barrios and where these passengers are actually going. This data can now be traced electronically via computers.

The Minister, in his remarks, emphasized that they could have never achieved this milestone without the cooperation of the different institutions, like the Aruba Investment Bank, the Aruba Parliament, the Supervisory Board, but most significantly the dedication and understanding and cooperation of the employees of Arubus. Aruba now has the kind of public transportation of which we can be truly proud!

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RBC Royal Bank sponsors "The Lens of My Eyes" press exposition



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The exposition is being organized to coincide with the celebration of International Press Day on September 1st.

Rafini began by celebrating the press for their day of recognition and for the excellent work they do for the community. We are happy to have news media covering every ac-

tivity on the island within minutes of their occurrences, according to Rafini. Your work keeps you on the road constantly, and we thank you for your dedication, said Rafini to press members.

Rafini indicated that the RBC Bank is proud to once again sponsor this event. The previous years were very successful and it is expected that this 5th edition will be even more successful. This way, RBC is contributing to the development of the press on Aruba and is giving due honor to our local press corps

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Six Bad Family Habits You Need to Change - Part I

It has been said by so many in recent times that...the family is in trouble! And, any simple observer will agree that the family is in trouble. The signs of trouble are evident everywhere! As a matter of fact, because of the work I do as a psychologist, I can tell you for a certainty

THAT THE FAMILY IS IN DEEP TROUBLE. There are more single mothers struggling and juggling to keep what's left of their family together and surviving, than in any previous time in history! There are more men neglecting their sacred responsibility to provide for their family than in any previous time in history. More men are spending more time outside the home today than in any other time in recorded history! More children are disobeying parents and going their own wayward way than ever before. These and other issues are what are eating away at the foundation upon which the family is built. Many years ago, these things I just listed were what we read about in the newspaper or saw on family shows on television, but not experienced here in our own land. But, not so anymore, they are just as common here today as they are on television and anywhere else.

In this article today I want to address a few very simple things we can do as individuals who are part of families to help change the direction of our own personal family.



Each family has their issues; each family has their weaknesses and obviously strengths. Often, we see the strengths but miss the weaknesses.

Every family's habits are different from others. Your family's habits are a mix of your individual habits. And, if you didn't know, family habits are the reason some families are more successful and get along better than other families - and are happier than others. Habits are only good if they help you function well from day to day, if they enhance your life. For example, one of my habits every day is to read my Bible, I know that that is what helps me function well and it enhances my life greatly. Your habits should enhance your life. In the same way your family habits are only good if they promote family health and happiness!

What you need to do (today) is to identify those habits that are holding you back from functioning successfully and from making you happy. Once identified, you need to change them. The great thing about this is,

the moment you change your debilitating habit, the rest of your family will be positively affected by your change.

Let me share five bad family habits that we need to identify and, by all means, work hard at changing. If we succeed in changing these bad habits, we may just turn-around our family from heading down the road of destruction or dismay. Here are five bad habits our families need to get rid of:

1. Complaining:

You'd be surprised to learn that many people complain simply for the sake of complaining. They do nothing to change the things they're complaining about, they just complain. Complaining is contagious and can ruin relationships. Stop complaining and become proactive and change what isn't working in the family. Do the change graciously and tactfully and bring out the best in your children and spouse.

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Aug 29 - Fitch Ratings affirms Aruba's ratings as follows:

- Long-term foreign and local currency IDR at 'BBB';
- Short-term local currency IDR at 'F3';
- Country Ceiling at 'A-'.

The Rating Outlook is Stable.

The rating affirmation and Stable Outlook are supported by Fitch's expectation that economic growth should resume and fiscal consolidation will proceed over the next two years supported by the expected reopening of the oil refinery, the positive performance of the tourism sector, the implementation of an ambitious stimulus program, and the adoption of additional revenue-enhancing and cost-containment measures.

Aruba's ratings are underpinned by a high per capita income, strong political institutions, social stability, a long track record of macroeconomic stability and demonstrated capacity to rein in fiscal imbalances. Aruba also benefits from broad support from the Dutch government

as it is part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Additionally, a conservative banking system, adequate international reserves coverage and the lack of a sustained real exchange rate appreciation continue to underpin the sustainability of the exchange rate peg.

These strengths are counterbalanced by Aruba's weak fiscal solvency ratios and modest medium-term growth potential. In addition, Fitch has long flagged the narrow base of the economy as a key source of vulnerability and this has been exposed with the recurrent suspensions of operations at the Valero refinery. The resulting volatility in GDP growth has been incorporated in Aruba's 'BBB' rating.

The Aruban economy expanded by 8.9% in 2011 but could contract by 2% in 2012 due to the temporary shutdown of the Valero refinery. The government is in advanced discussions to facilitate the sale of Valero to PetroChina. While the authorities expect the refinery to restart in October 2012, uncertainty surrounding the

completion of the commercial transaction represents the chief downside risk to economic growth, fiscal and external accounts as well as the international reserves position.

The longer the suspension of refining operations, the stronger would be its recessionary impact on production, oil exports, investment, employment and business confidence. However, unlike during the last refinery shutdown in 2009 - 2010, the growth of the hospitality industry and the implementation of a multi-year infrastructure stimulus program of about 37% of GDP would cushion the impact on domestic demand.

The government's fiscal consolidation strategy has relied on expenditure restraint and cost-saving entitlements reforms. The authorities also plan to boost tax receipts through the revaluation of real estate properties, the collection of tax arrears and increased excise levies. Fitch expects the fiscal deficit to fall to 6.9% of GDP in 2012 and converge to the 3% target by 2015, two years later than

stipulated in the official budgeting framework. The government is also discussing revenue-enhancing measures that could further support fiscal consolidation efforts.

General government debt has increased from 32% of GDP in 2008 to an expected 51% in 2012, which is higher than the 40% median of the 'BBB' category. This is eroding the authorities' fiscal space to respond to economic shocks. The debt burden could potentially stabilize at 50% of GDP by 2013 provided economic growth resumes and the fiscal forecasts materialize. Fitch notes that Aruba's access to international capital markets and domestic funding at fixed rates and long-term maturities provide financing flexibility. Moreover, the Aruban authorities are exploring potential support from the Netherlands to refinance large external repayments coming due in 2013 and 2014, potentially mitigating future rollover risks and reducing the interest service burden.

Persistent economic growth underperformance or material deviations from the

official deficit reduction targets would undermine debt sustainability and lead to a negative rating action. A permanent shutdown of the refinery and failure to maintain support from the Netherlands could also put downward pressure on the ratings. Conversely, a favorable growth trajectory and sustained reductions in the government debt burden would be positive for Aruba's creditworthiness.

(Caryn Trokie, New York Ratings Unit)

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Seaport Casino's Summer Cash Campaign announced their 3rd grand-prize lucky winner on Friday in the Sea-

port Casino. Tirzane Williams, Casino Marketing Coordinator was pleased with the crowd of visitors and lo-



cals visiting the Casino on Friday.

The two, reportedly, most popular casinos on Aruba gave out 25.000 Aruban florins in cash prizes. The lucky winners of these prizes were: Sandra Tromp – Afls.500; Jesus Chuello – Afls.500; Margarita Boekhoudt – Afls.1.000; Ives Mathilda – Afls.1.000; Francisca Dirks – Afls.1.000; Norma Heward – Afls.3.000; Maria Mireles – Afls.5.000. And the big prize of Afls.10.000 went to Emily Kock!

Afls.1.000; 7th and 8th prizes – Afls.1.000 each; 9th prize – Afls.500; 10th prize – Afls.500.

The next prize game will take place on Saturday, September 29th at the Crystal Casino. Clients must be present to win their prize when their name is retrieved from the tumbler. Participation is simple. Every visitor to the casino will receive a raffle ticket for every 25 points accumulated. Members holding "The Card" will not lose any saved points. Race and Sports Book table players may also participate to win.

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Six Bad Family Habits...

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2. Crowded Schedules:

Today's families are involved in much too much! Children and parent(s) have little time for each other. Sounds like your family...eh?! There is that ball game, that judo or karate practice, that music lesson, that school project at Jackie's house, that meeting, that children's party, that funeral, and that.....well, the list goes on! What we need to do is to go over the list of activities and prioritize the list and see what we can honestly and realistically drop...drop one activity per week. Decide where your family falls on the scale of importance. Later down the years your children will look back and be grateful for the times you spent as a family. You will also be more involved in the growth and leadership process of their lives!

3. Chaos in the House:

Families that are constantly on the go, have little or no time for cleaning. Getting someone to come and do your cleaning for you have

become expensive these days! Besides, finding the right person for those jobs is not easy anymore. As a result, many homes are in total chaos. And, believe me, it has been proven that the more disorder there is in a home the less safe and comforting it will feel for you and your children. Make a decision today to take the time to clean up the place and get rid of the clutter. Decide to do this once every week. Be smart and get everybody in the family involved in the clean up process. By all means do not do it all by your self...make it a family activity! The first time you do it, will be the hardest, after that it will be only upkeep and everybody will appreciate you and home so much more!

Well, this is as far as I can go today. Next edition I will give you the other three bad habits you need to change in order to have a healthy, happy family!

If this was helpful, please let me know at: tonygreen.morningnews@hotmail.com



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Trailer companies lose court case against Government of Aruba

ORANJESTAD -- This past week the local court announced the decision of the court case that the companies that rented trailers for the use of class rooms on school premises entered against the government of Aruba and the Minister of Education.

In the court case the Judge threw out the plaintiff's demands and sentenced them to pay all court fees for the court proceedings.

With respect to the demands of the five companies, the court magistrate concluded that they had no basis for the demand that the government pay for damages, nor did the government had any obligation to accept offers from them and in so doing the government did not act in bad faith against them. In their case there was no evidence of poor governance by

the government.

The plaintiffs' plight that they had not been given sufficient information to be able to make an offer to the government, the Judge explained that

on January 24th, 2012, they had received a list of the requirements and though this did not include all the details, they could have used their expertise to provide more content to an offer. This was also indicated in a letter from BK Consult NV which was presented in court, according to the conclusion of the Judge.

According to the Judge, the plaintiffs could not in-



struct the Minister to submit a public tender or any other type of tender. He also concluded that they had sufficient time to submit an offer with a suitable option that could have replaced the trailers they were renting to the government of Aruba at the different schools, which they did not do. Hence, they lost their court case against the government.

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International news

Tropical Storm Isaac threatens dam

NEW ORLEANS (AFP) - Authorities in two states along the US Gulf Coast yesterday urged residents to seek shelter amid fears a dam could fail as Tropical Storm Isaac doused an already drenched region.

Local officials in Mississippi called for precautionary evacuations of the area near Lake Tangipahoa after the Percy Quin Dam showed signs of heavy damage due to the storm, a statement said. In Louisiana, Tangipahoa Parish President Gordon Burgess called for a mandatory evacuation along the Tangipahoa River.

Word of a possible breach came as forecasters warned of life-threatening floods, tornadoes and storm surges due to the slow-moving and ferocious mix of wind and rain, down-

graded from a hurricane to a tropical storm Wednesday.

Forecasters said Isaac was 165 miles (270 kilometers) northwest of New Orleans, where officials on Wednesday ordered the evacuation of some 3,000 people in coastal Plaquemines Parish, the area hardest hit by the storm.

The storm has revived memories of Hurricane Katrina, which devastated the region exactly seven years ago, flooding New Orleans and killing at least 1,800 people in the broader Gulf Coast area.

But this time around, new multi-billion-dollar post-Katrina flood defenses appeared to be holding but authorities still urged residents to stay indoors and three regional airports remained closed.

In Slidell, a town to the north of Lake Pontchartrain where hundreds of homes and businesses are submerged, about 100 people were rescued with high-water trucks and boats after rain swelled the surrounding bayou. Dozens more remained trapped in their homes as waist-high flood waters made roads impassable. "We weren't expecting it," police chief Randy Smith said.

Packing maximum sustained winds of 40 miles (65 kilometers per hour), the storm could dump up to 14 inches (35 centimeters) of rain over much of Louisiana, Mississippi, southwest Alabama and Arkansas through today. And some areas could see levels of up to 25 inches (64 centimeters), the National Hurricane Center said.

Isaac may wind up causing as much as \$2.5 billion in damage in and around Louisiana and in the offshore oil sector in the Gulf of Mexico, according to early estimates from natural disaster modeler Egecat.

Meanwhile, the Mississippi River flowed backwards for nearly 24 hours due to pressure from Isaac, the US Geological Survey said. The waterway similarly went into reverse gear during Katrina, cresting at 13 feet (nearly four meters) about its previous level.

More than 760,000 people made do without electricity in Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Texas, local power company Entergy said as the weather system snapped utility poles and downed transmission lines. Across Louisiana, more than 4,000 people were crammed into shelters.

Dozens of nursing home residents, many in wheelchairs, were among those taken to higher ground by the National Guard in high-water trucks.

"The Lens of My Eyes"...

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Leo Vrolijk, the brainchild behind this project which he began 5 years ago, was extremely grateful for the continued support of the RBC Royal Bank. This year about 25 photographers are participating with material for this exposition. This year's exposition will be dedicated to three stalwarts of the world of local journalism, namely, Olivio de Cuba, Stanley Illidge and Chemmy Kock. Mrs. Hammelburg also indicated that Amigoe will be participating in the exposition in conjunction with their 50th anniversary.

The exposition was inaugu-

rated yesterday, August 30th in the Cas Di Cultura.

Following the inauguration on Thursday 30th, the exposition will be open to the public as of September 3rd through to the 7th everyday from 8:00am to 5:00pm in the Cas Di Cultura. Entrance is free of charge. For reservations and/or special guidance as individuals or for groups and or schools, call 566-4070.

We salute our press members on their special day and invite the general public to visit the interesting Lens of My Eyes exposition as of September 3rd at the Cas Di Cultura!

Publishers ink \$69 mn deal in ebook price-fixing case

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - US prosecutors announced yesterday that the top three US publishing houses have inked a \$69 million deal to close the book on charges that they schemed to fix prices of digital titles.

Hachette Book Group, HarperCollins Publishers and Simon & Schuster Inc. have agreed to compensate ebook buyers to resolve antitrust claims, according to a joint statement by 55 attorneys general.

"While publishers are entitled to their profits, consumers are equally entitled to a fair and open marketplace," Connecticut Attorney General George Jepsen said in a state-

ment.

"This settlement will provide restitution to those customers who were harmed by this price-fixing scheme, but it also will restore competition in the ebook market for consumers' long-term benefit."

The settlement was announced along with news that a civil antitrust lawsuit has been filed in US district court in New York state against the trio of publishers and others in the business.

The settlement and the freshly-filed suit stem from a two-year antitrust investigation by the US Department of Justice and attorneys general in Connecticut and Texas, according to Jepsen.



COLOMBIA, Medellin : A box with remembrances of a disappeared person is seen during the commemoration on the International Day of the Disappeared in Medellin, Antioquia department, Colombia on August 30, 2012. To remember their loved ones, relatives built what they called "time capsules" where they put pictures and letters of their disappeared relatives. (AFP PHOTO)

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International news

Occupy Wall Street plans to block NYSE

NEW YORK (AFP) - Occupy Wall Street will mark its first anniversary this September by trying to blockade the New York Stock Exchange and perhaps carry out citizen's arrests of bankers, organizers of the social protest movement said yesterday.

Occupy has seen a steep drop in support since its founding a year ago when hundreds of people camped in Zuccotti Park near Wall Street to protest bank bailouts and what they called the ruling "one percent" of America's most wealthy.

However, activists promise a resurgence on the September 17 anniversary, about six weeks before Americans decide whether to reelect President Barack Obama or bring in his Republican challenger, Mitt Romney.

The highlight of several days of street actions will be a "people's wall" at the NYSE, Dana Balicki, a spokeswoman for the group, told AFP.

"That will be a pretty substantial act of civil disobedience," she said. Protesters will stage a sit-in outside the heavily guarded building and there are plans to attempt citizen's

arrests of bankers.

"That's still on the table. That's been talked about a lot. They've been planning some citizen's arrests for some time," she said.

"There'll be a mass of people converging on the Stock Exchange to deliver our message: that we're the 99 percent and we're not going to take it," Balicki, 31, said.

Balicki said Occupy leaders had learned from past mistakes and were ready to get around any police crackdown.

Previous Occupy events in New York's tightly policed financial district have drawn a huge law enforcement response, often resulting in dozens and occasionally hundreds of arrests for disorderly behavior.

Organizers at the media-savvy OccupyWallSt.org site said that their protests are more relevant than ever.

September 17 "marks the beginning of year two of Occupy Wall Street and four years since Lehman Brothers declared bankruptcy, helping catapult our global economy into a new phase of disrepair," a statement said.

UN nuclear watchdog has 'serious concern' over NKorea

VIENNA (AFP) - North Korea's nuclear program is a matter of "serious concern," the UN atomic agency IAEA said in a report released yesterday, referring in particular to two sites Pyongyang has stopped it from visiting.

"The nuclear program of North Korea is a matter of serious concern," said the report from the International Atomic Energy Agency.

North Korea's statements about uranium enrichment activities and the construction of a light-water reactor "continue to be deeply troubling", the report added.

The country had in recent months made significant progress in building this reactor, the report said.

In late February, the United States announced it had agreed a moratorium with North Korea on nuclear activities and ballistic missile tests, in exchange for a resumption of food aid to the hermetic Stalinist state.

In March, North Korea in-

vited the IAEA to send inspectors to help implement the deal -- a significant rapprochement given it expelled agency inspectors in 2009 and has since refused to cooperate with the agency.

But after a much-vaunted missile launch by Pyongyang on April 13, Washington suspended the deal, even though the launch failed.

Talks between the IAEA and North Korea have thus remained on hold.

Nevertheless, yesterday's report from the agency called on North Korea to renew its cooperation with them.

"The Agency will continue to maintain its readiness to play an essential role in verifying North Korea's nuclear program," it added.

The North has staged two nuclear tests, in 2006 and 2009. In November 2010, it unveiled its uranium enrichment factor. Until now, it has used plutonium in its nuclear devices.



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Defector: Officials work covertly against Syria regime

GENEVA (AFP) - Dissident Syrian diplomats and civil servants are covertly working from the inside to help opposition forces, a diplomat who recently defected from the regime told UN rights officials yesterday.

Danny Al-Baaj, who went public with his opposition to the regime on August 10, told the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva that he had been part of a group of diplomats working against the regime from the inside.

They had set up a network of contacts supporting the opposition, "regardless of where they stand", he said.

And while only seven Syria diplomats had publicly defected so far, other officials -- diplomats and civil servants -- were covertly supporting the opposition in different ways, he said.

He gave few further details,

saying he needed to ensure the safety of the people involved.

He said it was thanks to sympathetic officials that his parents had been able to leave Syria, he said: the officials turned a blind eye even though the authorities were searching for them.

Once his family was safe, he added, he felt free to speak out publicly. The Swiss authorities have granted him and his family a permit to stay in the country.

Baaj, who defected earlier this month, said that when he arrived at the Syrian diplomatic mission to the UN in Geneva in August 2010, he believed in Assad and the government reforms that he had promised.

It was not long however, before his views changed.

"It was clear to me that there was no serious intention by the government to do any-

thing," he said.

They had no intention either of stopping the killings and atrocities on the ground or of meeting the calls for reform, he added.

Baaj said he first made contact with members of the opposition in the autumn of 2011. He had been part of the Syrian Democratic Platform, an opposition group, from the beginning, he said.

He acknowledged that Syria's future depended on other countries and expressed hope that a vote on the issue at the next session of the UN Human Rights Council in September would produce a consensus.

He refused to back unilateral international intervention in the conflict however, but said that if the Security Council agreed on action, that would be a different matter.

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Australians implant 'world first' bionic eye



This undated Bionic Vision Australia (BVA) photo shows surgeon Dr. Penny Allen (R) performing an eye examination on Dianne Ashworth.

SYDNEY (AFP) - Australian scientists said Thursday they had successfully implanted a "world first" bionic eye prototype, describing it as a major breakthrough for the visually impaired.

Bionic Vision Australia (BVA), a government-funded science consortium, said it had surgically installed an "early prototype" robotic eye in a woman with hereditary sight loss caused by degenerative retinitis pigmentosa.

Described as a "pre-bionic eye", the tiny device is attached to Dianne Ashworth's retina and contains 24 electrodes which send electrical impulses to stimulate her eye's nerve cells.

Researchers switched on the device in their laboratory last month after Ashworth had

fully recovered from surgery and she said it was an incredible experience.

"I didn't know what to expect, but all of a sudden, I could see a little flash -- it was amazing," she said in a statement.

"Every time there was stimulation there was a different shape that appeared in front of my eye.

Penny Allen, the surgeon who implanted the device, described it as a "world first".

Ashworth's device only works when it is connected inside the lab and BVA chairman David Penington said it would be used to explore how images were "built" by the brain and eye.

Feedback from the device will be fed into a "vision processor" allowing doctors to determine exactly what Ash-

worth sees when her retina is subjected to various levels of stimulation.

"The team is looking for consistency of shapes, brightness, size and location of flashes to determine how the brain interprets this information," explained Rob Shepherd, director of the Bionics Institute which was also involved in the breakthrough.

The team is working towards a "wide-view" 98-electrode device that will provide users with the ability to perceive large objects such as buildings and cars, and a "high-acuity" 1,024-electrode device.

Patients with the high-acuity device are expected to be able to recognise faces and read large print, and BVA said it would be suitable for people with retinitis pigmentosa and age-related macular degeneration.

Penington said the early results from Ashworth had "fulfilled our best expectations, giving us confidence that with further development we can achieve useful vision".

"The next big step will be when we commence implants of the full devices," he said.

Small families boost prosperity for descendants: study

PARIS (AFP) - Having a smaller family is a springboard for giving future generations the chance of greater prosperity, according to a Swedish study published.

Providing scientific support to what is anecdotal evidence, it says that in an advanced industrialised society, having fewer offspring means children benefit from greater parental investment and from inherited capital.

This translates into socioeconomic success, which is transmitted over generations, the paper says.

Scientists from London and Stockholm pored over a remarkable database which assessed 14,000 people born in Sweden between 1915 and 1929 and all their descendants up to 2009.

Families that were smaller and from more prosperous backgrounds were linked to better grades at school, a university education and a higher income and social status, they found.

The benefits were greatest when the parents were also in a high socio-economic category. The advantages were enduring, because they carried over the four generations which were studied.

In the modern world, fertil-

ity rates -- the number of offspring per woman -- decline as a country becomes more prosperous, a phenomenon called the demographic transition.

The trend occurs first and most substantially among wealthier sections of society.

"One of our most interesting findings is that being from an initially wealthy household makes the benefits of small family size even bigger," said

"Poorer households in contrast have relatively little to gain by limiting fertility, perhaps because the success of their children is more determined by broader societal factors, rather than investment and inheritance from parents, which is in short supply."

"It's been a puzzle for evolutionary biologists," Goodman said. "It's not what you would expect, because as a species gets more resources, it has more offspring."

In this case, lower fertility was a success -- but in socioeconomic terms, not in reproductive terms.

In the study, the first generation had an average of 3.2 children; their children had 1.7 offspring; the grandchildren had 1.8 children; and the great-grandchildren, as of 2009, had an average of 0.7 offspring.

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Polonium, a highly radioactive material



PARIS (AFP) - Polonium, the poison suspected of being used to kill Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in 2004, is a highly radioactive material rarely found outside military and scientific circles.

Also known as Radium F, it is a rare but naturally occurring metalloid found in uranium ores that emits highly hazardous alpha, or positively charged, particles.

Before being cited in connection with Arafat's death, the substance had been named in the case of Alexander Litvinenko, a former Russian spy

and dissident who died in a London hospital in 2006 showing symptoms of polonium poisoning.

Small doses of polonium 210 exist in the soil and atmosphere, and even in the human body, but in high doses it is highly toxic if it is ingested or inhaled, and can damage the body's tissues and organs.

It is one of the rarest natural elements: in 10 grams of uranium there is a maximum of a billionth of a gram of polonium.

The substance has been used industrially for its alpha radiation in research and medicine, and as a heating source for space components, but in those forms it is not conducive to easy poisoning.

Small doses are also found in tobacco, derived from the soil and phosphate fertilizers used on tobacco plants.

Polonium was discovered by Marie and Pierre Curie in 1898 while they were doing research in France on the cause of radioactivity in the mineral pitchblende, the chief ore-mineral source of uranium.

Marie Curie named the material after her homeland of Poland, which at the time was under Russian, Prussian and Austrian control and not recognised as an independent country.

For their discovery of polonium, radium and their work on radioactivity, the Curies won the 1903 Nobel Prize in Physics, which they shared with Antoine Becquerel of France.

Like many other pioneering researchers in the field of radioactivity, Marie Curie died in 1934 at the age 67 of leukaemia, brought on by her handling radioactive materials.



Bolivia backpedals on uranium seizure claim

LA PAZ (AFP) - Authorities in Bolivia backpedaled yesterday after claiming that they had seized nearly two tons of uranium in central La Paz, saying instead they had found rocks with possible traces of the substance.

Earlier Tuesday, Deputy Interior Minister Jorge Perez had told reporters that nearly two tons of uranium had been found in a garage on the ground floor of a building in central La Paz, not far from

the US and Brazilian embassies.

Experts were to quickly examine the material, which the deputy minister said appeared to have a "high level of radioactivity." Perez did not explain how the discovery was made, or the specific nature of the uranium.

Perez had also said the material, found in heavy plastic bags as a result of a six-week investigation, was likely destined for Chile.



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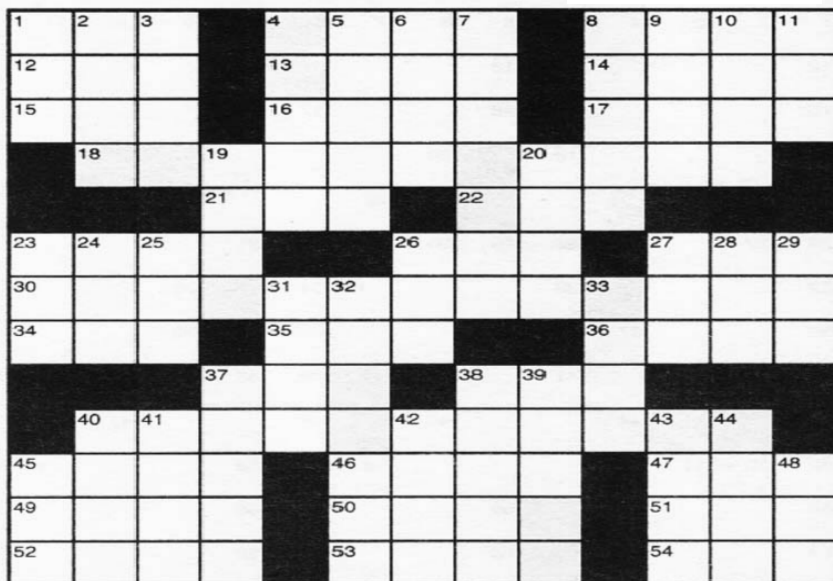
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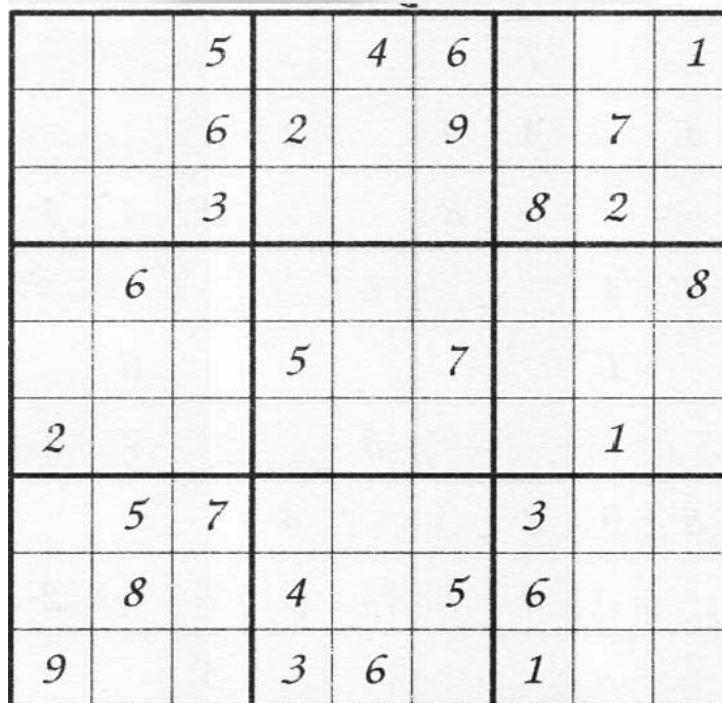
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WTO head confirms 2012 slowdown in world trade

PARIS (AFP) - Pascal Lamy, head of the World Trade Organization, confirmed yesterday that growth in global trade would remain below four percent this year and urged governments against protectionism.

Annual growth in world trade has averaged six percent over the past 15 years, but this year "we will be below four percent," Lamy told France's BFM radio, blaming the slowdown on a sluggish world economy.

But Lamy said the rough

patch should not be an excuse for political leaders to give in to protectionism "which makes no sense."

"The world has crossed this crisis without a protectionist tsunami, but there are preoccupying signs that the WTO is watching over closely," Lamy said.

In April, the WTO warned that world trade growth, which slowed in 2011 after a big rebound in 2010, would weaken again this year and grow by 5.6 percent in 2013.

World Bank: Food prices soared 10% in July

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The World Bank said yesterday that drought in the US and Eastern Europe crop centers sent global food prices soaring by 10 percent last month, raising a food security threat to the world's poorest people.

The surge in prices, mainly due to the devastating heat wave across the central US, which produces the world's largest crops of corn (maize) and soybeans, places in danger millions around the world, especially in countries dependent on imported grains, according to the bank.

From June to July, the

prices of both corn and wheat jumped by 25 percent while soybeans were up 17 percent. Corn and soybean prices topped their previous record highs in the food price crisis of June 2008. The other key global staple, rice, was four percent lower, however.

That left the World Bank's food price index six percent higher than a year earlier and one percent higher than the February 2011 peak.

"Food prices rose again sharply threatening the health and well-being of millions of people," World Bank President Jim Yong Kim said in a statement.

"Africa and the Middle East are particularly vulnerable, but so are people in other countries where the prices of grains have gone up abruptly."

The World Bank called countries in the Middle East and North and Sub-Saharan Africa the "most vulnerable to this global shock."

"They have large food import bills, their food consumption is a large share of average household spending, and they have limited fiscal space and comparatively weaker protective mechanisms," the Bank

said in its Food Price Watch report.

"Domestic food prices in these regions have also experienced sharp increases even before the global shock due to seasonal trends, poor past harvests, and conflict," it said.

The World Bank said that the diversion of corn to produce ethanol biofuel -- which takes up to 40 percent of US corn production -- is a key factor in the sharp rise in the corn price.

The UN Food and Agricultural Organization's chief called earlier this month on Washington to rescind its mandate for fuel producers to use ethanol in gasoline and other fuel products, to ease the pressure on corn prices.

The World Bank pointed out that there is also a spillover effect on wheat prices: that as corn supplies tighten, wheat becomes used more as a substitute for corn in livestock feed.

Reacting to the report, Oxfam spokesperson Colin Roche criticized the lack of action from the Group of 20 leading economies to address the soaring food prices.

"Oxfam is already seeing the devastating impact of food price volatility in developing countries that rely on food imports," he said.

"The G20 has decided to wait for September's US crop report before deciding whether to take action on food prices, but they must call it now before prices spiral out of control and push more people into hunger."

Hollande urges firm decisions on Greece, Spain at summit

MADRID (AFP) - French President Francois Hollande said yesterday he expected clear decisions on Greece and Spain, two of the most vulnerable countries in the eurozone, at an October summit in Brussels.

"I want the European Council on October 19 on the Greece question and the intervention by Europe to support states that may be momentarily in difficulty (i.e. Spain)," Hollande told reporters on the sidelines of a visit to Madrid.

And he wanted decisions to be made there and then, with-

out any need for further consultation, he stressed.

Hollande, who was speaking after talks with Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy, criticised the EU's failure to act quickly and decisively.

"The problem with Europe is that it all too often delays decisions and puts its mechanisms into operation too late," he said.

The necessary decisions had to be made -- and implemented -- more quickly, he added.

For Hollande, the "success" of the previous European

council in late June was "the addition of a growth pact to the budget pact and the fixing of stability rules for the eurozone."

The French president added that he had faith in what Greece is proposing, but added that "we will see the troika report (from EU, ECB and IMF auditors) and what Spain has to put forward."



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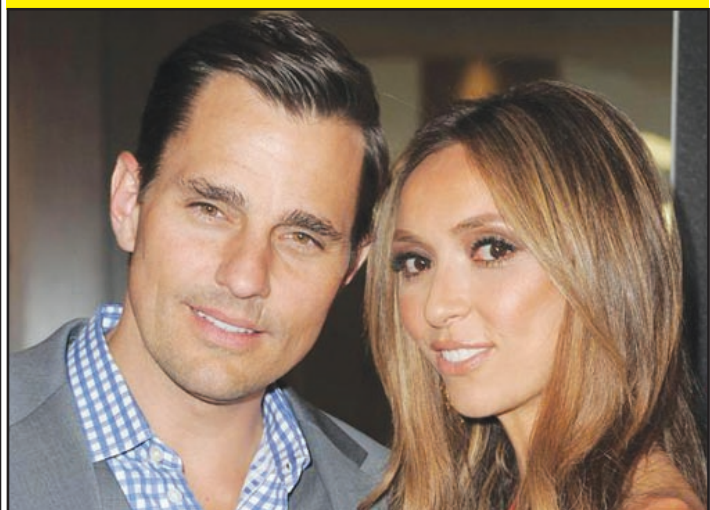


BERLIN : Mobile phone and media player wrist watches are seen at the Sony booth during the 52nd edition of the "IFA" (Internationale Funkausstellung) trade fair in Berlin on August 30, 2012. IFA, Europe's largest consumer electronics and home appliances fair opens to the public from August 31 to September 5, 2012, with more than 1,400 exhibitors unveiling the latest touch-screen tablets, 3D televisions without special glasses and smaller, smarter and more interconnected devices to wow punters. (AFP PHOTO)

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Giuliana & Bill Rancic Welcome Baby Boy



TV personality Giuliana Rancic and her husband, Bill Rancic, welcomed a healthy baby boy via surrogate late Wednesday night. Edward Duke Rancic was born in Denver, E! News reports. After years of failed IVF treatments and being unable to conceive — struggles documented on their reality show, “Guiliana and Bill” — the couple announced in June that they were expecting their first child. The baby was born by a gestational surrogate, meaning the Rancics are his biological parents. Guiliana underwent a double mastectomy last December after being diagnosed with breast cancer. Giuliana Rancic tells E! News that she and her husband are “so in love with the little guy already!”


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Owner Mark Benson and Manager Anthony Adopti welcomed island media to unveil a new “After Five” menu featuring a number of hot and cold wraps for light dining, as well as a “Kids Eat Free” selection of their favorite finger foods. They have a choice of chicken

nuggets and Mac & Cheese with fries, a cookie and juice included. Chicken, grouper and carni stoba wraps are made fresh to order, accompanied by fresh home fries of russet potatoes. Press members sampled a number of great items off the new and regular menus, and gave everything unanimous thumbs up.

The regular menu also now features a Soup de Jour and special of the day, which will be posted on their Facebook page. Marky Bee’s is open daily, seven day a week, from 11:00 AM until 10:00



Flavorful hot and cold wraps on the after 5 menu



Mgr Anthony Adopti and Mark Benson



Hilario Donker tries the Bami

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by Rosalie Klein

Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Ma-lone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

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parents or a few couples. Beautifully appointed kitchens and bathrooms grace each abode; barbecues and lounges are provided for friendly cookouts and truly savoring the island life. All homes come with cable TV,

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5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5

fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato... whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.



5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger. 5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from

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London Paralympics 2012

Records tumble on first day of the Games



(L-R) New Zealand's Fiona Southorn with bronze, Britain's Sarah Storey with her gold medal and Poland's Anna Harkowska with silver

LONDON (AFP) - Cyclist Sarah Storey on Thursday stormed to her eighth Paralympic gold, taking the women's C5 individual 3km pursuit after a lightning-quick

took the first gold of the Games on the first day of competition.

Storey, a five-time Paralympic swimming gold medalist who switched sports for

World Championships earlier this year and the title at the UCI Track Cycling World Cup at the same venue in February.

That World Cup race, a test event for the Olympic Velodrome, was won by her British compatriot Joanna Rowsell in 3min 32.364sec. Rowsell took Olympic gold earlier this month in the team pursuit.

Storey, who was born without a functioning left hand and narrowly missed out on a place in Britain's Olympic squad, said: "I always thought that if I could get off to a great start it would set up the week and hopefully that's the case."

China won both races in the C1-2-3 pursuit, with Zeng Sini breaking the world record in qualifying, while Germany's Tobias Graf set a new C2 best as he took bronze in the men's event.

Susan Powell posted the world's fastest time in the women's C4 3km individual pursuit qualifiers and went on to give Australia its first gold of the Games.

It was a good day for the Aussies, with defending champion Kieran Modra and guide rider Scott McPhee taking the men's blind and visually impaired 4km tandem pursuit, beating Modra's previous world best.

Five world records tumbled in the swimming finals, with the highlight New Zealander Sophie Pascoe, who smashed the new best she set earlier in qualifying by more than three seconds in the final of the 200m SM10 individual medley.

In the men's equivalent, Benoit Huot of Canada shaved his own previous world best

down to 2min 10.01secs.

Zheng Tao, meanwhile, finally beat the record set by

Sergey Punko and Oxana Savchenko made it a Russian double in both S12 400m



Spain's Sarai Gascon competes during the women's S9 100m butterfly swimming heats

freestyle events.

Charles Rozoy gave France its first gold in the men's S8 100m butterfly and US swimmer Jessica Long took the women's race to give her an eighth Paralympic gold over three Games.

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US archer Matt Stutzman (C) competes in the men's archery individual compound-open ranking round.

qualifying time that would have won her a non-disabled title.

The 34-year-old rider's winning performance, which opened the hosts' gold account, came amid a slew of new world bests in track cycling and swimming, as China

the Beijing Games in 2008, caught Poland's Anna Harkowska with just under half of the 12-lap race to go, giving her a third cycling gold.

The British cyclist earlier clocked a new world best of 3min 32.170sec, which would have won her silver at the



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UEFA Champions League group stage 2012/13

MONACO (AFP) - Fate largely smiled on Manchester United and holders Chelsea in yesterday's Champions League draw, but Manchester City found themselves drawn into a daunting group with Real Madrid, Ajax and Borussia Dortmund.

Chelsea, who beat Bayern Munich on penalties in last season's final to claim the trophy for the first time, were drawn in Group E alongside Italian champions Juventus, Shakhtar Donetsk, and Danish debutants Nordsjaelland.

Juventus will be appearing in the Champions League for the first time since the 2009-10 season and are likely to present the strongest threat to Roberto di Matteo's side.

United found themselves in fairly benign surroundings in Group H, having been pitted against Portugal's SC Braga, Galatasaray of Turkey and Romanians CFR-Cluj in the draw in Monaco.

However, manager Sir Alex Ferguson did not need reminding that it was from a similarly straightforward group -- containing Benfica, FC Basel and Cluj's domestic rivals Otelul Galati -- that the three-time champions failed to progress last season.

United, beaten 3-1 by Barcelona in the 2011 final, are appearing in the group phase for a record 18th time.

As in 2011, this season's final will also take place at London's Wembley Stadium, to mark the 150th anniversary of the English Football Association.

City's pool, Group D, unites the reigning champions of England, Spain, Germany and the Netherlands, with the Manchester club the only team never to have won the Champions League.

Roberto Mancini's side were drawn in a similarly taxing group last season and failed to reach the knockout phase, with Bayern Munich and Napoli finishing above them on their first appearance in the Champions League.

City defender Joleon Lescott refused to be discouraged by the draw, tweeting: "Group D highlights the fact why it's called Champions league. #TitleWinnersOnly"

Along with Spain, England are one of only two countries with four teams in the group phase and their fourth representatives, Arsenal, will face Schalke, Olympiacos and debutants Montpellier, the French champions, in Group B.

There was one other newcomer in the draw in the shape of Malaga, who qualified by overcoming Panathinaikos in the play-off round earlier this week.

The Spanish side were drawn in Group C with Zenit Saint Petersburg, Anderlecht and seven-time champions AC Milan, who will have been relieved to avoid a more difficult group after a summer in which they lost a glut of leading players.

Barcelona, finalists in two of the last four seasons, landed

in Group G, where they will have fellow former champions Benfica and Celtic for company, as well as Spartak Moscow.

Big-spending Paris Saint-Germain, meanwhile, will fancy their chances of qualifying from a group that also includes FC Porto, Dynamo Kiev and Dinamo Zagreb.

Last season's beaten finalists Bayern Munich were placed in Group F alongside Valencia, the team they beat on penalties in the 2001 final, as well as Lille of France and Belarusian outfit BATE Borisov.

The opening batch of group matches is scheduled for September 18-19.

Chelsea host Juventus in their first fixture, while Manchester United tackle Galatasaray at Old Trafford and Manchester City visit Real Madrid.

Breakdown of the Groups:

Group A: FC Porto, Dynamo Kiev, Paris Saint-Germain, Dinamo Zagreb

Group B: Arsenal, Schalke 04, Olympiacos, Montpellier

Group C: AC Milan, Zenit Saint Petersburg, Anderlecht, Malaga

Group D: Real Madrid, Manchester City, Ajax, Borussia Dortmund

Group E: Chelsea, Shakhtar Donetsk, Juventus, Nordsjaelland

Group F: Bayern Munich, Valencia, Lille, BATE Borisov

Group G: Barcelona, Benfica, Spartak Moscow, Celtic

Group H: Manchester United, SC Braga, Galatasaray, CFR-Cluj

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China's Zeng Sini

Britain's Jonathan Fox, who lowered his own S7 100m backstroke world record to 1min 9.86secs in qualifying, went on to secure the hosts' first gold in the pool, while Hungarian powerhouse Tamas Sors took the S9 100m butterfly.

In the women's race, South Africa's Natalie du Toit won the 11th gold in her Paralympic career -- even if she was disappointed with the time.

Du Toit, a dominant force over the last decade who be-

came the first amputee to qualify for the Olympics, swimming the 10km open water race in Beijing, plans to race in seven events and is retiring after the Games.

But she ruled out staying on in the sport until the next Games in Rio de Janeiro in four years' time.

China's Zhang Cuiping earlier shot her way to the first gold of the Games in the women's 10m air rifle, scoring 104.9 for an overall score of 500.9, while Park Seakyun, of South Korea, won the men's 10m air pistol.

And there was double delight for German twins Carmen and Ramona Brussig, who both won judo gold in the women's -48kg and -52kg categories.

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Football: Iniesta crowned European player of season



MONACO (AFP) - Barcelona's Spanish midfielder Andres Iniesta received the UEFA Best Player in Europe award on Thursday after pipping Cristiano Ronaldo and club-mate Lionel Messi in a journalists' poll.

It is his second major individual honour of the summer, after he was named Player of the Tournament for his role in Spain's triumph at Euro 2012 in Poland and Ukraine.

The award was decided by 53 European journalists who cast their votes during Thursday's Champions League group-stage draw in Monaco.

Iniesta, 28, received 19 votes, with Ronaldo and Messi -- the winner of last year's inaugural prize -- each receiving 17.

"I am very honoured and I

dedicate this award to my Barcelona and Spain teammates," said Iniesta, who received the award from UEFA president Michel Platini.

"I am privileged to be here with two such great footballers as Leo and Cristiano."

An artful attacking midfielder, Iniesta has won every major honour in the game with Barcelona and Spain over the last four years and notably scored the extra-time winner against the Netherlands in the 2010 World Cup final in South Africa.

Despite his success at Euro 2012, Iniesta saw Barcelona miss out to Ronaldo's Real Madrid in last season's La Liga title race, while the Blaugrana also fell to eventual champions Chelsea in the semi-finals of the Champions League.

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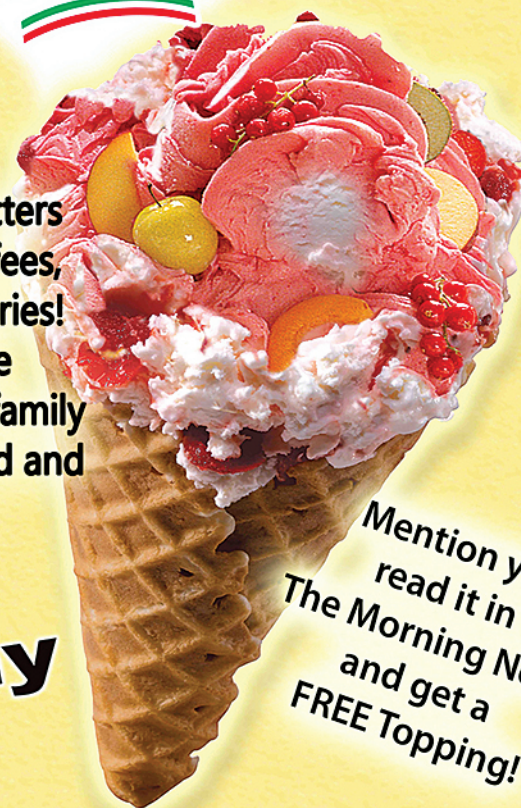
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Athletics: Aman eclipses Rudisha as Bolt and Blake coast



Six-time Olympic champion Jamaica's Usain Bolt (C) runs between countryfellows Nickel Ashmeade (L) and Warren Weir in his way to win the men's 200m.

ZURICH (AFP) - Jamaican sprint duo Usain Bolt and Yohan Blake dominated the 100 and 200m at the Diamond League meet here on Thursday, but Kenyan 800m star David

Rudisha was upstaged by Ethiopian tyro Mohammed Aman.

In a high-quality night of action featuring 14 Olympic champions, training partners

Bolt and Blake set new meeting records of 19.66 and 9.76 seconds in the 200 and 100m respectively.

Fresh from his second successive triple gold haul at the Olympics, Bolt came around the bend into the final stretch just ahead of compatriot Nickel Ashmeade on his inside.

And then the imposing 26-year-old, also the world record holder in both sprint events, switched on the afterburners in his drive phase to ensure a comfortable win in his favoured event.

"Running after the Olympics is much more fun, it is less stress," said Bolt. "Now I have one more race (in Brussels on September 7) until the end of the season and I am looking forward to it."

Blake overcame a false start by top US sprinter Tyson Gay to hold his nerve in a 100m raced

in chilly, wet conditions at a packed Letzigrund Stadium.

The 22-year-old, who won double sprint silver behind Bolt in the London Games and is currently the second fastest man in the world alongside Gay (after racing 9.69sec in Lausanne last week), rocketed out of his blocks at the second time of asking to power through the line.

Compatriot Nesta Carter was second in 9.95sec, with American Ryan Bailey (9.97) in third.

There was disappointment for Rudisha, the blazing two-lap specialist who was bidding to better his own world record of 1min 40.91sec he set when winning 800m gold at the London Games earlier this month.

With all talk of the record bid, no one had counted on the kick of 18-year-old Aman, who finished sixth at the Olympics but who importantly last year became the first and last man to

defeat Rudisha since 2009.

Rudisha's pacemaker missed his first lap target by more than 1sec, and with any chance of a world record completely out of the window, the 23-year-old Kenyan world champion found himself in front but in a real dogfight with Aman, who kicked as the duo rounded the last bend.

Aman held on for a convincing win in a personal best of 1:42.53, with Rudisha timing 1:42.81.

Aman left his Kenyan rival in no doubt that it would not be all plain sailing for him in the two-lap race next season.

One Olympic champion to also shine was Jamaica's Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, who rebounded from two successive losses to Carmelita Jeter in Lausanne and Birmingham to easily trump the American in the women's 100m in 10.83sec.